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which he extended to us the use of his library and herbarium, the kindly interest with which he entered into our inquiries, assisted us with his advice, and bore us in mind when he was absent in the South or West, and, in a word, the habit we had of referring to him in all our botanical interests, make us feel almost that with his the life of the Club has departed.

That this feeling exists is perhaps the most genuine homage that could be paid to the worth of our late President. Against it, however, it is our duty to strive. It was certainly not for want of social opportunities that a man so much in request gave up his evenings to us, but to foster the interests of his favorite science, to which the organization of the Club gave promise of contributing. And, on our part, when we adopted his name in his lifetime, the proposer of that title certainly, and probably all of us wished to convey to him the assurance that it was a name that we "would not willingly let die," but would endeavor to honor in efforts for the advancement of the study of Botany in this vicinity, and even more widely, if in any way we should be able. In fact we almost promised this in so many words the last time he met with us. It devolves upon us, likewise, as the only organization in this community especially devoted to this science, to watch over the interests of the Herbarium, in which we have had our being, and whose fate was a constant source of anxiety to its founder. The sense of these duties, it is believed, will carry the Club forward.

14. Dr. Torrey's last communication to the Club.—[Dr. Torrey not being able to meet with the Club, Feb. 25th, sent the following note to the temporary chairman.]

The day after the last meeting of the Club, I was attacked with Pleurisy. This, with very active treatment for several days, was cured, so that I suffered no more pain; but I was left so extremely weak, that ever since I have spent most of my time in bed. It is about a month that I have not been allowed to go down stairs. It is nearly fifty years since I had a sickness of more than a few days duration. My physician thinks that I am now slowly mending.

As I am not the *Botanical Club*, it seemed best that a regular meeting should be held, although I shall not be able to join your company. Tell the members how much I regret this deprivation; but I shall be with you in fraternal sympathy, and hope you will have a good time. I send, as my representative, the picture painted by my niece, Mrs. Daniell, of the Herbarium with your *chairman* sitting at his work! * * * *

The following you can read to the Club and then use it for the Bulletin.

JOHN TORREY.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE, Feb. 25th, 1873.

15. On a new species of *Phyllanthus*.—In the Pacific R. R. Expedition of the late Gen. Whipple, in 1853-54, the botanist, Dr. G. M. Bigelow, collected, on the sandy banks of the Canadian River, a low annual plant having all the characters of a *Phyllanthus*, but differing from all the described species of that numerous genus (and indeed from the whole order of Euphorbiaceæ) in the position